

9. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DIVISION OF ANGLICAN CARE - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board a request from the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care for funding assistance of \$7,500 towards the salary top-up of the Community Development Worker based at Manuka Cottage, Addington.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In partnership with the Christchurch City Council, the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care employs a community development worker at Manuka Cottage in Addington. This position is currently funded by Lotteries and Anglican Care (Family and Community Division). Project administration costs and worker salary levels have increased significantly over the past five years, which has meant the project is now in deficit. This is the first time a request for salary funding for the community development worker at Manuka Cottage has been received.
3. The Family and Community Division is the community development division of Anglican Care. It supports and oversees a number of community development workers based in cottages around the city. These include; Addington, Hei Hei/Broomfield, Sydenham, Linwood, North New Brighton and St Lukes (an inner city project). The division has a management/oversight role with these workers and community development projects in association with Council staff. In addition, the division trains students on field work placements, and also undertakes community needs assessments.
4. Manuka Cottage has been operating since 1993 with the main purpose of facilitating community development in Addington. The cottage activities include: drop-in, weekly activities (healthy living, walking group, play group, women's craft group, Men's group, shared lunch, mobility exercises), and monthly activities (poetry, elders outing, community outings). Five community events in partnership with St Mary's Church are held and additional community cottage events. Manuka Cottage is a community development project and as such a number of key and significant projects have developed out of the cottage around identified needs. These include; (Family & Community development worker, Addington After school & holiday programme, Strickland Street Community Garden's). Manuka Cottage is also the umbrella organisation for the Rowley Oscar programme.
5. Funding has been requested to top-up the salary of the community development worker based at Manuka Cottage. The position is 30 hours per week. This is the first time funding has been requested for the community development worker salary from the Board or Christchurch City Council. Lottery Welfare and Anglican Care have been providing the ongoing funding for this role since it began in 1993. Anglican Care are now unable to continue to provide this level of funding for the worker at Addington. The funding requested totals \$7,500.
6. The community development position at Manuka Cottage is a key role in the Addington community, part of which includes continually assessing the needs of the community as they present and facilitating the process of developing appropriate responses. This role now also extends to co-ordinating a number of successful projects that have developed out of the community as already noted above in paragraph 4.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal considerations. Family and Community Division of Anglican Care have requested \$7,500 from the Council, with the total cost of the position at \$28,779 (this includes training, supervision & administration). Funding has been received from Lotteries \$9,000 and \$4,000 from COGs. The other remaining amount will be funded through Anglican Care.

8. Manuka Cottage has received funding for key projects and activities either through the SCAP Committee, the Board's project funding, or the Community Development Scheme. The Council pay for the annual rent of the cottage which since October 2006 is \$9,360 per annum (however none of these requests have been towards salary for the community development worker based at the cottage).
9. The Addington Cottage cost report and the Anglican Care Annual report have been sighted.

BACKGROUND ON FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DIVISION OF ANGLICAN CARE – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

10. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care initiated the community development project in Addington in 1990 as a means to address social isolation. Addington is a lower income suburb, with high needs. The community worker Jan Rodgers was employed to assist residents to identify their needs, and to develop self help strategies to meet these needs. The worker's role over time has changed to include a co-ordinating role of the cottage activities and key projects.
11. Resourcing of the project has been through the following: Anglican Care provided the salary for the position, and provided training and administrative support. The salary has been subsidised by Lotteries. Project expenses, including project worker salaries, volunteer expenses, running costs of the cottage, resources for groups, programmes and activities have been raised by the project itself. Funding sources have included the Christchurch City Council, the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, Community Trust, COGs, and fundraising events.
12. Anglican Care have contributed significantly to the project over the past 16 years in terms of the community development worker salary, supervision and administrative support. This long term funding has allowed this project to develop and has been a major strength. Anglican Care remain committed to the project but are now unable to continue to provide the same level of funding contribution to the salary of the community development worker at Manuka Cottage, Addington. The funds they have had available in the past have reduced significantly.

OPTIONS

13. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board agree to fund the top-up salary contribution of \$7,500.
14. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board agree to part fund the top-up salary contribution.
15. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board decline the application for funding.

PREFERRED OPTION

16. The preferred option is that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board fund the top-up salary of \$7,500 for the community development worker at Manuka Cottage, Addington. This is a key role in the Addington Community and an essential role in the running of the cottage activities, and co-ordination of community projects. The professional and administrative support they now provide for a number of outreach initiatives is significant. Board members will be aware that one such project is in the process of developing it's own legal entity.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocates \$7,500 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund to top up the community development worker's salary at Manuka Cottage, Addington.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.